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Dear Sir:

Prior to the Examination of the above-identified application, entry of the following amendment is respectfully requested. Also filed herewith are declarations under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132 by John Young Yuen, Deborah A. Rathjen (2) and Stephen Kwik.

Further, Applicants believe that the subject application is not one for which sequence data are required. Specifically, Applicants note that according to MPEP 2420 and 2421, compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.821-1.825 is required only for applications containing nucleotide or amino acid sequence information filed on or after October 1, 1990.